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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Certain disputes relating to Commercial Crops Marketing Act are now pending before the Supreme Court. Government would defer any such extension of the Act to pepper till the decision of the Supreme Court is known on certain provisions of the Act."

Amount of surcharge on stamp duty payable to Chettipalayam Panchayat

*1188 *Q.*—SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to clause (*b*) of question No. 126 on 13th March 1954, the present stage of investigation by the Accountant-General, Madras, of the matter?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" The Accountant-General, Madras, requested the Treasury Officer, Coimbatore, on 10th February 1955 to furnish a certificate of non-payment of the arrears amount of surcharge on stamp duty payable to the Chettipalayam Panchayat for the quarters ending 30th June and 30th September 1947, a revised clearance register as on 1st April 1949 and certain other particulars in this regard. Action will be taken by him to authorize payment on receipt of the particulars from the Treasury Officer. The Accountant-General and the Treasury Officer, Coimbatore, have been requested to take action for the expeditious adjustment of the amount in question."

SRI R. KUPPUSWAMY :—" ஒருவருஷமாக பரிசீலனை செய்வதாக இருக்கிறது. என் இவ்வளவு கால தாமதம் என்பதை கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் அறிவிப்பார்களா ?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" எதோ ஒரு ரசீது தவறிவிட்டதனால் அதைத் தேடுவதற்கு இவ்வளவு கால தாமதம் ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறது. இப்பொழுது அதைக கண்டுபிடித்து விட்டார்கள். இனிமேல் அதை உடனடியாக செய்து முடித்து விடுவார்கள்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over. We will take up the next item on the agenda, viz., Demand IV—Forests."

[*Note.*—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1955–56—*co*

(1) DEMAND IV—FOREST DEPARTMENT.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, on the recommendation of the Governor, I move—

'*That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs.* 67,62,300 *under Demand IV—Forest Department.*' "

MR. SPEAKER :—" Motion moved—

'That the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 67,62,300 under Demand IV—Forest Department.'